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WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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PROJECTS UNDER ACCELERATD IRRIGATION BENEFITS PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any target has been fixed for completion of projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP);

(b) If so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) The extent to which these targets have been achieved and the projects completed under this programme State-wise; and

(d) The reasons for slow progress of the remaining projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS(a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.137 FOR ANSWER ON 27-02-2006 REGARDING PROJECTS UNDER ACCELERATED IRRIGATION BENEFITS PROGRAMME

(a) to (d) As per the latest guidelines effective from 1.4.2005, major/medium irrigation projects/project components under Normal Programme of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) are to be completed in the next 4 financial years and those under the Fast Track Programme (FTP) of AIBP in the next 2 financial years. Since the inception on the Programme in 1996-97 upto 2004-05, a total of 184 major/medium irrigation projects have been included under AIBP

(both Normal and FTP). Out of these projects, 10 projects have been deferred by the State Governments for various reasons and 45 projects/project components have been reported as completed upto 2004-05. The scheduled completion of the remaining 129 projects as per the Memorandum of Understanding provided by the States is at Annexure-I. State-wise details of completed projects/ projects components are enclosed at Annexure-II. Among the completed projects, 30 projects were reported as completed on schedule. The progress of irrigation projects is generally hampered due to delay in land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation problems, contractual problem, court litigations etc. These constraints are also applicable to irrigation projects included under AIBP, which retards the progress.